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3 Jan. 55

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project OCTROI

1. At Mr. Houston's request, I met in his office at 2:30 p.m. on 3 January, together with [redacted] of the Logistics Office, to discuss arrangements for handling Project OCTROI with Mr. Perkin of Perkin & Elmer. Mr. Houston said he believed the most efficacious manner of handling the Perkin & Elmer contract would be for the DCI to authorize [redacted] to be contracting officer and for the Logistics Office to undertake to go ahead with the project, arranging for "Buy American" and other waivers as required. I suggested that Mr. Houston should prepare a memorandum along these lines for the Director's signature for presentation to Mr. Bissell on 4 January.

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2. [redacted] showed Mr. Houston and me a copy of a letter of intent which, with one minor correction emphasizing urgency, both of us approved.

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4. I inquired whether we had made any second string arrangements in the event that anything happened to Mr. Perkin. Mr. Houston agreed with me that we ought to have a plan to fall back on and [redacted] will arrange a catastrophe plan with Mr. Perkin when they meet.

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5. [redacted] and Mr. Marr plan to meet with me on the morning of 4 January to complete security and commercial arrangements for the meeting with Mr. Perkin, now scheduled for Wednesday, 5 January, in Norwalk, Conn.

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